

THOMAS J. CAMPTON.

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FEBRUARY 9, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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MR. CALDERHEAD, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10046.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10046) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Jefferson Campton, submit the following report:

An increase of pension from \$12 to \$30 per month is sought in this bill.

Thomas J. Campton, now 61 years of age, served as a private in Company K, Twelfth Ohio Infantry, from April 25, 1861, to July 11, 1864, when honorably discharged.

He never applied for pension under the general law, but is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for total disability due to disease of eyes, kidneys, heart, and nervous system, and paralysis.

The soldier's last medical examination, made on September 3, 1902, by the board of surgeons at Eureka, Cal., found him so disabled from disease of eyes, kidneys, heart, and nervous system as to require the frequent and periodical aid and attendance of another person. The board then stated that he was practically blind, and that he had a stroke of paralysis on Christmas, 1901; that he now has paralysis of the whole left side, that his urine contains traces of albumen, and that there was disease of heart with slight arterial sclerosis.

The affidavit of the beneficiary filed with your committee sets forth that for more than a year last past he had been entirely helpless, needing the aid and attendance of another person; that he has no income whatever except the pension of \$12 per month, and has a wife and child dependent upon him for support, and that he has only a small house and lot in Eureka, Cal., in which he lives.

Medical and other testimony filed with your committee corroborates the allegations of the beneficiary and the findings of the board of examining surgeons that he is entirely helpless, gradually getting blind:

that he can not talk so that one can understand him; that he is rapidly losing his mental faculties, and that he is in dependent circumstances.

In view of the soldier's faithful services of over three years, his total disability from paralysis and blindness, and his destitution, and in the light of numerous precedents, an increase of his pension from \$12 to \$30 per month is justified.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended when the same shall have been amended as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Jefferson" and insert in lieu thereof the letter "J."

In the same line strike out the letter "H" and insert in lieu thereof the letter "K."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Thomas J. Campton."

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